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REMARKS

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1. On 9 March 1954, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne in Rathenow was again occupied by about 900 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. On 25 February, an undetermined number of troops were detrained at the Rathenow Nordbahnhof. They included about 600 troops and numerous trucks, which left for Kraftfahrer Kaserne.

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2. On 9 March, the Pionier Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 25 February, about 150 troops, 20 x 76-mm guns, 20 trucks, 2 radio trucks, 1 field kitchen and 1 jeep were entrained at the Nordbahnhof. In the afternoon on the same day, numerous troops were detrained at the Nordbahnhof. Some of the troops left for Pionier Kaserne. In the evening on 25 February, about 20 trucks arrived from the direction of Brandenburg. They included 10 trucks, which entered the Pionier Kaserne. On 3 March, 8 x 76-mm guns arrived at the installation, presumably also from the direction of Brandenburg.

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3. On 9 March, the Infanterie Kaserne, for the first time since 25 February, was again occupied by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Numerous troops from the units detrained on 25 February had entered this installation.

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4. On 10 March, the Ziethen Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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5. On 10 March, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] 25X1
6. On 10 March, the Pionier Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. unusually many driving school trucks [redacted] 25X1
7. On 10 March, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] On 12 March, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Six trucks towing 3 x 122-mm field howitzers were seen entering the installation.

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1. [redacted] Comment. On 18 February, major elements of the 6th Arty Div and the 25th Gds RL Brig went by road from Rathenow to Altengrabow and [redacted] proceeded from there toward north in the afternoon on 20 February. [redacted] The arrival in Rathenow has not been reported so far. Information in the present report tends to indicate that at least elements of the troops which left on 18 February returned to their quarters as late as 25 February, with the period from 21 to 25 February presumably being used for exercises along the march route. On 25 February, however, elements of the 18th How Arty Brig (US) are also known to have transferred to the Brand-Jueterbog area for exercises of the reinforced 14th Gds Mech Div which terminated on 3 March. [redacted] 25X1

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